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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SECURITY: SOMALI PROTECTION OF EMBASSY

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1. DCM MET WITH POLICE CHIEF OPERATIONS COL. JAMA OCTOBER 7 TO DISCUSS GSDR PROTECTION OF EMBASSY IN WAKE RENEWED MIDDLE EAST HOSTILITIES. JAMA PROMISED THAT GSDR WOULD CONTINUE PROTECT US MISSION AND PERSONNEL HERE.

2. DCM MENTIONED THAT WASHINGTON HAD REPORT THAT PALESTINIANS MIGHT ATTACK US EMBASSIES COINCIDENTAL WITH CURRENT HOSTILITIES IN MIDDLE EAST. JAMA SAID GSDR AGREED THIS WAS LIKELY BUT SAID HE COULD ASSURE EMBASSY SUCH ATTACK WOULD NOT HAPPEN IN SOMALIA. HE CONFIRMED THAT FATAH LOCAL OIC IBRAHIM HAD RETURNED SOMALIA AND THAT THREE OTHER PALESTINIANS WERE IN TOWN

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BUT SAID POLICE HAD THEM ALL UNDER 24-HOUR SURVEILLANCE AND KNEW

OF THEIR MISSION HERE WHICH HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ACTION AGAINST ANY FOREIGN MISSION.

3. DCM MENTIONED THAT AZZAM, WHO HAS ALTERNATED WITH IBRAHIM IN CHARGE OF LOCAL FATAH OFFICE, SEEMED TO HAVE GOTTEN INTO TROUBLE IN AUSTRALIA. JAMA AGREED, SAID AZZAM HAD RETURNED MOGADISCIO AND HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. "SO FAR AS I AM CONCERED," JAMA SAID, "I HOPE HE STAYS LOCKED UP." (HOWEVER, EMBOFF SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD BY ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR THAT AZZAM HAD BEEN SEEN DINING AT JUBA HOTEL NIGHT OF OCTOBER 6.)

4. WE ALSO RAISED AFRICAN LIBERATION COUNCIL MEETING HERE NEXT WEEK WHICH WILL MEAN LARGE NUMBER OF VISITORS OF VARIOUS POLITICAL HUES. JAMA SAID POLICE WOULD TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS DURING THIS PERIOD.

5. EMBASSY HAS CAUTIONED ALL PERSONNEL TO AVOID UNNECESSARY ACTIVITY OR EXPOSURE. MOGADISCIO CALM AND NO SIGNS POPULAR DEMONSTRATIONS.

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